

Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition

The Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition is a community group dedicated to addressing lead pollution, noise, and potential security problems caused by operations at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport in San Diego. We aim to work in concert with local, state, and federal officials to find the best solutions possible. We invite all concerned to join us.

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- The Montgomery-Gibbs Master Plan gives documentary evidence that the airport is responsible for **annual emissions of 1.442 metric tons of lead particles**
- The lead particle emissions are associated with leaded aviation fuel used in General Aviation piston engine aircraft
- Scientific evidence shows that those lead particles do not stay solely on airport grounds, but drift and pollute nearby neighborhoods
- The World Health Organization says there is no known level of lead exposure that is considered safe
- Children are particularly vulnerable because even relatively low levels of lead can result in reduced intelligence quotient (IQ) and increased antisocial behavior
- Some 80% of General Aviation planes can use unleaded fuel
- **Montgomery-Gibbs only sells leaded fuel for General Aviation planes.** According to the airport manager, the city has no control over what type of aviation gasoline vendors sell. That is unreasonable since the city controls the terms of the lease and could insist that unleaded fuel also be offered.

